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In response to the Advisory Action dated January 10, 2006, please enter this response, filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for the RCE fee. As noted in the Advisory Action, since a Notice of Appeal was previously filed December 8, 2005, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR §41.33(a), i.e., two months. Thus, as the RCE and this Response are being filed on February 8, 2006, the Applicants believe that no extension of time fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is further authorized to charge counsel's above-referenced Deposit Account for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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